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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM APPALACHIAN INSURANCE COMPANY

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED TODAY THE FOLLOWING TELEX ADDRESSED TO YOU BY NAME:

"APPALACHIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, JOHNSTON, RHODE ISLAND IS ENDEAVOURING TO SECURE APPROVAL AS PART OF THE FACTORY MUTUAL SYSTEM FOR LARGE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE RISKS IN NEW ZEALAND AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO THE OVERSEAS INVESTMENT COMMISSION IN WELLINGTON AFTER-NOON OF JULY 26, 1977. MR. B.C. GROVER OF THE CHIEF CASHIER'S OFFICE AND ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION HAS SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEW U.S. EMBASSY MIGHT OFFER A PROPER FACILITY FOR THE PRIVATE SHOWING OF A 16 MILLIMETER COLOR SOUND MOVIE TO BE A PART OF THAT PRE-SENTATION. SENATOR CHAFFEE HAS SUGGESTED WE CONTACT YOU. I REALIZE THERE IS QUESTION THE EMBASSY WILL BE READY AT THAT DATE BUT IF IT COULD BE WE FEEL THIS COULD BE HELPFUL SETTING FOR A PRESENTATION TO APPROXIMATELY 12 PEOPLE. IF THE MOVIE PROJECTOR AND SCREEN POSE ANY PROBLEM WE CAN ARRANGE THROUGH FRIENDS IN AUCKLAND FOR APPROPRIATE EQUIP-MENT. IF YOU DESIRE INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO FACTORY MUTUALS OF APPALACHIAN INSURANCE COMPANY SUGGEST YOU CONTACT GORDAN UNCLASSIFIED

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CLONEY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF WHICH I AM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER. WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE TELEX RESPONSE EARLIEST SINCE IF EMBASSY FACILITIES UNAVAILABLE WILL SEE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATE FACILITIES ELSEWHERE IN WELLINGTON AS FOR INSTANCE JAMES COOK HOTEL ALTHOUGH THIS LATTER NOT SUGGESTED BY MR. B.C. GROVER AND WOULD MUCH PREFER

EMBASSY SETTING. IF THERE IS ANY CHARGE FOR ANY SERVICES RENDERED WE ARE PERFECTLY PREPARED TO PAY WHATEVER IS PROPER. H.E. TORNQUIST, PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR APPALACHIAN INSURANCE COMPANY.
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- 2. WE HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO TORNQUIST. WE SEE NO PROBLEM IN ACCEDING TO THE REQUEST AS DESCRIBED ABOVE AS LONG AS OUR INVOLVEMENT IS CLEARLY LIMITED TO PROVIDING THE VENUE. MAKING THIS POINT EARLY ON MAY AVOID A LATER REQUEST TO BECOME MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED THAT WE MIGHT FEEL WE SHOULD, AS, FOR EXAMPLE, BY ISSUING INVITATIONS IN YOUR, OR THE EMBASSY'S, NAME.
- 3. USIS AUDITORIUM WILL BE AVAILABLE JULY 26; MAXIMUM SEATING CAPACITY IS 80. YOUR APPOINTMENTS BOOK CLEAR FOR THAT DAY.
- 4. IF CHANCERY FACILITIES WERE NOT USED, AMCHAM BELIEVES IT COULD OBTAIN USE OF CONFERENCE ROOM OR THEATERETTE OF A MEMBER FIRM WITHOUT DIFFICULTY; USE OF SMALL ROOM AT WELLESLEY CLUB ALSO A POSSIBILITY. AMCHAM ALSO PREPARED ASSIST GAIN WIDER EXPOSURE FOR THE APPALACHIAN PRESENTATION SHOULD TORNQUIST SO DESIRE.
- 5. GROVER OF RESERVE BANK OUT OF TOWN TODAY. WILL CONTACT HIM MONDAY. WE WILL REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HE MIGHT SUPPLY. REGARDS, ANDY. UNCLASSIFIED

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